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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	10/666,732
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Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Elizabeth M. Cole
Attorney Docket Number	2038-297

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. ☐ Other: _____
 b. ☒ Enclosed
 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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 iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
 b. ☐ Other: _____

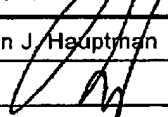
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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
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